



Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)

Project name:	Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS)
Address/Location:	On land encompassing Drax Power Station, south east of Selby and north west of Goole, North Yorkshire
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	EN010120

TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report – Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage ('the Scoping Report') (January 2021)
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which comprises the construction, operation and decommissioning of post-combustion carbon capture technology at up to two of the existing 600 Megawatt electrical (MWe) biomass generating units at Drax Power Station located in Selby, North Yorkshire. The Proposed Development includes the following works:

- carbon capture infrastructure at Drax Power Station;
- infrastructure to supply process steam to the carbon capture technology;
- cooling towers;
- chemical storage and handling facilities;
- infrastructure to compress, dry and remove contaminants from CO₂; and
- potential upgrades to Drax Jetty and associated road modifications.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 07/04/2021

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:

The Environmental Statement (Document Reference 6.1)

The Inspectorate has reconsidered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 30/05/2023

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>